

Historic District and Historical Commission Minutes
Town Hall Griffin Room
Wednesday, July 15, 2015 5:30 PM

Call to Order at 5:35 PM by Gayle Carroll, Co- Chair

Members Present: Bob Bradley, Gayle Carroll, Barbara Dowd, Pat Scarnici, Jeanne Steiner,
Absent: Robert Doane, Eileen Brady, Gregory Winston, Mirande DeWitt, and Wendy Woods-
Hartwell

Staff present: Marie Carlson, Executive Assistant, Building Department

Gayle Carroll: appoints alternate Patricia Scarnici with full member voting rights for this meeting and reads the case presented as follows:

HH2015-12 Notice of Intent (NOI) Demolish a structure over 100 years old has been received for property located at 177 Forest Street, Map 31, Parcel C2, in R-L Zone pursuant to the Code of the Town of Harwich §131-8. The Applicant proposes a partial demolition of the c. 1828 main home. Owner, Steven Szafran

Discussion on how Mr. Szafran intends to protect the main house.

Steven Szafran: explains how he will protect the main house while maintaining access, offering that he will use a 6 millimeter sheet of plastic and use strapping to nail the plastic in place. States no one has lived in the main house for 20 years year-round, only summers.

Bob Bradley questions this plan, asks members if they agree that this method is sufficient, and why he is in a rush to tear it down.

Gayle Carroll: questions if this method is real protection

Jeanne Steiner: questions if this method would stand up to the winter months

Mr. Szafran: I have used this method before and it was successful.

Mr. Bradley makes a motion to move forward with a vote. Seconded by Barbara Dowd.

Jeanne Steiner: Yes Bob Bradley: Abstained
Gayle Carroll: Yes
Patricia Scarnici: Yes
Barbara Dowd: Yes
Motion Carried

New Business: Gayle Carroll: As a point of interest, there will be a walking tour, self-guided offered by the Garden Club. Brochure available.

Old Business: Discussion on draft letter to Department Heads
Jeanne Steiner offers that committee could move times to accommodate department head busy schedule.

Gayle Carroll: revisits discussion on how to make the application (Notice of Intent) stronger – take a look at other towns and use more constructive language. Should continue discussion at next informal meeting.

Gayle Carroll asks for motion to allow approval of minutes with changes at current meeting rather than wait till changes are made, then take another vote at a future meeting.

Jeanne Steiner makes the motion
Seconded by Barbara Dowd
Vote unanimous. Motion Carries.

West Harwich School House

Short discussion on restoring windows, painting and preserving old West Harwich School House. Suggestions made by members as to uses, school for boat (skiffs) building could generate funds through raffles that may fund the project.

Lou Urbano: needs to be ADA compliant, needs handicap ramp

Bob Bradley: Pleasant Bay Group is connected - may be a lot of interest in the project-Hero red boats in Herring River- agrees boats would generate funds, they would be something of value.

Lou Urbano: Hoping someone in the commission may want to apply to CPC funds, states a letter needs to be received by October and CPC endorsing rehab of West Harwich School House.

Gayle Carroll: pick a day for a site visit perhaps August 5 at 4:00 p.m.

Herring River Street Project

Lou Urbano: Suggests committee talk with the Town Surveyor about town boundaries.

Bob Bradley: questions status of the Baptist Church

Lou Urbano: Suggests researching grants to repair and restore the church dated approximately 1871.

Gayle Carroll: collecting personal donations for the Albro House restoration

Barbara Dowd makes motion to adjourn
Seconded by Patricia Scarnici
Vote Unanimous

Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marie Carlson, Executive Assistant, Bldg.

Adopted on: March 16, 2016